



NEWS RELEASE  
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Task Force announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

On July 21, 2010, a Lincoln man was sentenced to 10 years and one month, (121 months), in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in the Lincoln area over approximately a 14-month time period. Antonio Velasquez was held responsible for the distribution of between three and 11 pounds of methamphetamine. In April of 2009, he was one of three participants involved in the sale of methamphetamine to an undercover Lincoln Police Officer.

**Name of Defendant:** Antonio Amilcar Velasquez

**AKA:** Antonio Velasquez Mazariegos

**Age:** 44

**City of residence:** Lincoln

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than 10 years nor more than life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any term of imprisonment, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Lincoln

**Location of Arrest:** Lincoln

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** Velasquez was held responsible for the distribution of at least 1.5 kilograms (approximately 3 pounds) but less than 5 kilograms

(approximately 11 pounds) of methamphetamine.

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** None

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** Between on or about June 1, 2008, and on or about July 31, 2009

**Federal Arrest Date:** December 18, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued:**

**Indictment Returned Date:** December 16, 2009

**Initial Appearance Date:** December 21, 2009

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** March 23, 2010

**Sentencing Date:** July 21, 2010

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** none

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** The Honorable Cheryl R. Zwart

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** held without bond

**In Continuous Custody Since:** December 18, 2009

**Assigned District Court Judge:** The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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